

***Phanogomphus exilis* (Selys)**

Lancet Clubtail

20 Apr - 3 Jul

Common

39-43 mm (1.5-1.7 in.)

Small

MALE: Head/Face: pale yellowish-green. Eyes: blue. Thorax: dark brown w/ 2 dorsal narrow pale green stripes slightly converging at wings/2 lateral broader pale green stripes visible. Abdomen: very slender; dark brown w/ middorsal elongate lancet-shaped yellow mark on each seg, wider on S9-10; also variable pattern of lateral pale spots (larger on S8-9); clubbed. Legs: dark. Appendages: brown.

FEMALE: Head/Face: more yellow. Eyes: gray. Thorax: stripes lighter green. Abdomen: stouter; middorsal stripes lighter yellow (most yellow on S9-10); lateral spots bright yellow S2-3, S9-10; pale pattern for rest; no distinct club. Legs: light brown.

Habitat: Ponds (mostly), streams, open areas; sandy bottomed waters. Rests on ground, logs, or rocks. Flight sometimes like roller-coaster. Reproduction: Female oviposits touching water. Exuviae, vigorous climbers, found on rocks/other firm supports near water.

Similar Species: *G. lividus* (Ashy C.) is larger.

Locations: Centennial, David Force, Font Hill, Hipsely Mill - P, Hugg-Thomas #2, Kindler, Long Corner - P, Meadowbrook, Mooresfield (Munro), Nichol's Cove

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